

PREFACE

In the preparation of this work, which has involved a great deal of very exacting labour, a checking system was adopted to eliminate mistakes as far as possible, but it proved impossible in putting the work through the press to re-check the citations in the proof, and doubtless a number of errors have crept in. I shall be very glad to have these called to my attention so that they may be corrected later. Arrangements are contemplated to follow up in supplements judicial decisions and the annual changes in the statutes, and these supplements would afford opportunity to correct mistakes in the present work. Owing to a printer's error, which had gone too far to be completely corrected, in the citation of English cases the calendar year is, in many cases, not within brackets as it should be. I do not think any difficulty will arise from this.

The abbreviations used are the usual ones. The present rules of the Supreme Court of Ontario are cited as "1913 Rules." The former rules as "C. R." or "Con. Rule." The edition of Holmsted and Langton, so frequently cited, is the present current 3rd edition.

It is to be hoped that the short bibliographies prefixed to certain chapters may be of assistance in bringing other annotations of the chapters in question in touch with the present work. The references to text books may also help. I desire to express my obligations to the late W. George Eakins, Librarian of Osgoode Hall, for assistance at the inception of this work, and to Mr. Shirley Denison, K.C., for permission to make use of notes, bearing chiefly on the Real Property Statutes.

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